

## LIONS AND AUDIENCE RACE FOR EXITS AT YORKVILLE THEATRE

### Policeman Shot and Lioness Killed in Desperate Battle in Dark Third Avenue Hallway.

### FORTY WOMEN RESCUED BY FIREMEN

### One Man "Plays Possum," Escapes with Scratch —Crowd in Panic in Street Sees Another Man Stand and Offer Animal a Dill Pickle.

Sergeant Daniel Glenn, of the East 88th st. police station, is in Flower Hospital with a bullet in his back, received yesterday in a fight between the reserves of two police stations and a lioness at bay on the top floor of 1532 Third av. The lioness and five others broke loose at a performance in the Yorkville Theatre, at 162 East 88th st., stampeding the audience. The lion which got out of the theatre was killed by policemen. The others were recaptured.

Of the 1,000 men, women and children, among whom the lions roamed their way to freedom, only one was hurt. He was Mark McDermott, whose head was clawed. Patrolman Keavney, of the East 88th st. police station, was clawed on the left hand in the fight in the Third av. house, and Patrolman Craig had similar wounds. A girl about ten years of age was knocked down by the one lion which got out of the theatre, but ran home before any one got her name. Two score women, who sought refuge in the women's dressing room of the theatre, were rescued by firemen with ladders, while policemen and trainers were corraling the five lions which roamed the deserted theatre.

Mrs. Marie Andree, the trainer; Carl A. Turnquist, her assistant, and George E. Hamilton, booking agent, were arrested for criminal negligence in permitting the lions to escape. Surgeons found that the bullet in Glenn's back had lodged in a muscle. It was said that the wound was not fatal and there would be no need for an operation.

The curtain had just gone down on the lion taming scene. The house was dark and a quartet was singing. Behind the curtain Mrs. Andree gave the signal for her charges to file through the gateway in the barred arena to the shifting den, a light cage used to transfer the beasts from the stage arena to their permanent quarters.

Turnquist knelt in the shifting den, holding open the trap door, which was opposite the gateway. Instead of marching sedately in single file to the gate, the six lionesses, Belle, Alice, Queen, Grace, Lady and Lina, made a concerted rush. In the scramble to get out of the narrow gateway the shifting den was upset and Turnquist sent sprawling in the path of the animals.

Pausing but an instant, the beasts leaped over him and began to circle inquisitively. Scene shifters ran for shelter. The lionesses padded silently about the stage for a moment. Suddenly Alice nosed the left end of the curtain to one side. For an instant she blinked at the footlights and the gloom that lay beyond. Then she slouched slowly out on the stage.

Were Singing "Follow the Crowd." The quartet was singing lustily. These in the audience who noticed the gringing yellow beast as it stole forward toward the centre of the stage took it for part of the performance, and held their breath in delicious horror.

All at once the four Harts, who were half way through "Follow the Crowd," caught sight of Alice. They faltered and stopped. Three of them began to slide automatically off the stage. The fourth continued to sing in an absent-minded fashion, his gaze riveted on the approaching lioness.

"For God's sake, go back there and sing!" cried Detective Peter Cahill, who had edged his way up to the stage after Alice made her appearance. Realizing for the first time what a lion at large meant to a theatre audience, the three Harts joined their brother Hart, and all bravely took up the song again.

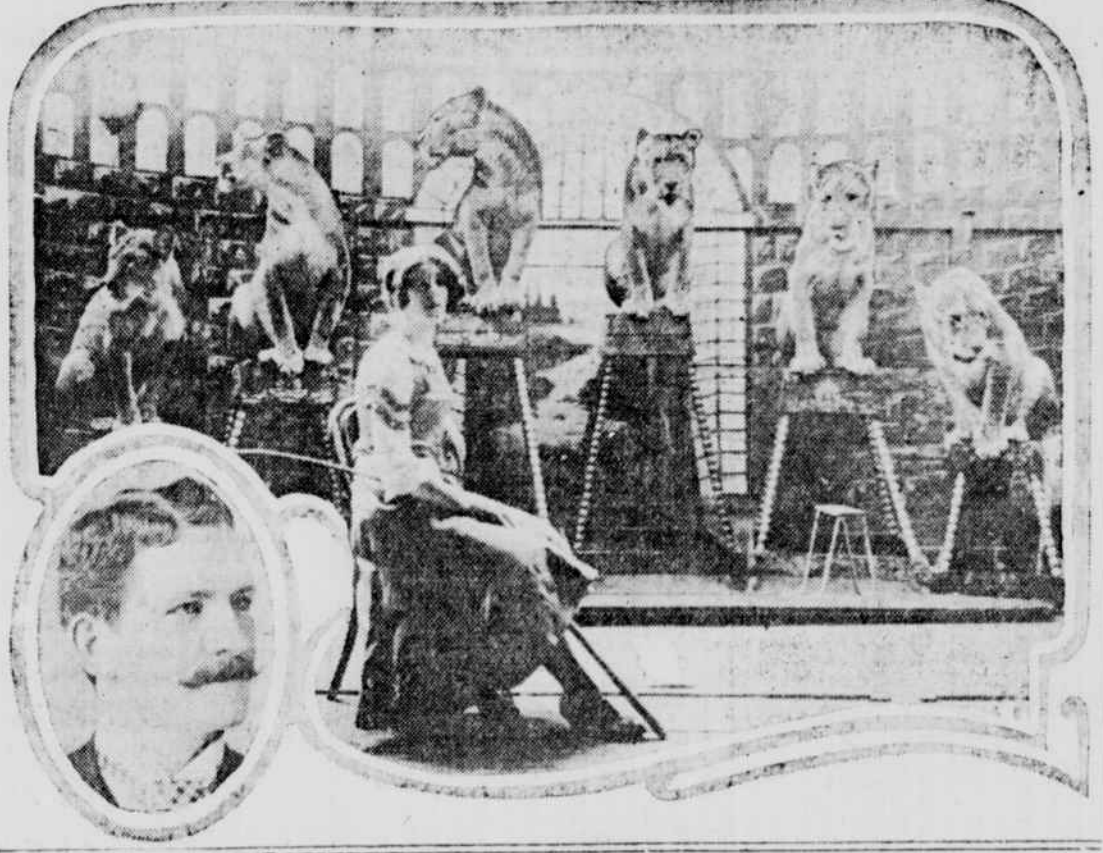
That instant there came a piercing shriek from behind the curtain. Mrs. Andree had discovered that Alice had gone out in front. As the crowd began to surge from its seats Turnquist ran out on the stage, flourishing a whip, with which he hoped to keep the other five lions back if he did not intimidate Alice.

Audience a Huddled Mass. For the first time the crowd saw that this daring scene was impromptu. The lights which flashed up all over the house at that instant showed 1,000 people cringing and huddling, but making for the exit as one, their faces turned over their shoulders. Sergeant Tracy, Lieutenant Kauff and Detective Cahill did what they could to stem the current.

Alice leaped lightly down to the floor of the house and began to can-can in and out among the crowd, making always toward the door. Mark McDermott, of 811 East 84th st., saw her coming. She was headed straight for him and "as but a few seats away," McDermott had heard that the thing to do when you couldn't run away from a lion was to play possum. He lay flat on the floor. In another instant one of Alice's paws raked the side of his head as she stepped over him.

Other lionesses began to trickle out. Continued on page 4, column 4.

MME. MARIE ANDREE AND HER SIX LIONESSES, WHICH BROKE LOOSE IN THE CROWDED YORKVILLE THEATRE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, AND POLICE SERGEANT DANIEL GLENN, WHO WAS SHOT IN THE LION HUNT ON THIRD AV.



## JUDGE SPEEDS CLEARY TRIAL; STATE OPENS

### Jury Completed and Two Witnesses Called at Night Session.

## GIRL WIDOW WILL AID FATHER TO-DAY

### Deputies Ride Miles to Get Jurors—Ten Married Men Taken.

[By a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]  
New City, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Sped by unusual methods, the trial here of William V. Cleary for the murder of Eugene M. Newman in Haverstraw last July was well advanced when court was adjourned at 9 o'clock to-night.

The jury was complete at 9:22 o'clock. Two minutes later ex-Representative Henry Bacon had opened for the state, and ten minutes after that the first witness was walking to the stand.

Supreme Court Justice Morschauer would brook no delay. When, at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the panel was exhausted, with two jurors lacking, he overruled the request of Cleary's attorneys for a long adjournment and hustled out deputy sheriffs in an automobile to gather in takersmen on a special panel.

Seek Seventy Miles for Jurors. Court had been adjourned at 4:40 o'clock. When court was convened again at 8:30 p. m. the deputy sheriffs, after scouring seventy miles in two days, had rounded up fourteen out of twenty-five men they sought.

It was with the last of these fourteen that the box was filled, and up to that moment it looked as if the justice's plan to get the case started to the jury to-night would fail.

Of the seventy-nine takersmen from which the jury was picked thirty-one were excused because they stood against capital punishment, which may indicate growing disfavor of the death penalty or disinclination to be a juror in an important case, particularly a case of heavy political complexion.

The trial opened at 9:57 p. m. and the day's session ended at 9:57 p. m. with five and a half hours out for recess.

To-morrow, despite opposition by Cleary's lawyers, the session will begin at 9 o'clock. This hour was decided on by a vote of the jury, suggested by the court at the close of to-night's proceedings.

Small Crowd in Court. In the belief that more spectators than the courtroom could accommodate would seek admission, there were groups of men in front of the courtroom at 8:30 o'clock this morning—two hours before the opening of court. The cold in time drove many of them.

## COLD GONE, COAL UP

### Warmer Weather Comes In as Fuel Prices Jump.

The cold wave departed officially last night, when announcement was made by the Weather Bureau of a "slowly rising temperature" for to-day and to-morrow. Fair weather is scheduled for both days, with moderate winds from the west and southwest.

Yesterday showed an appreciable decrease in suffering among the poor, although the average temperature for the day was only two degrees above that of Wednesday. The high point was reached at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the mercury touched 27.

Coal has now reached its highest retail price of the year, with no reduction in sight until April, when the usual discount of 50 cents a ton goes into effect. Dealers yesterday reported a multiplicity of small orders due to the cold snap.

Thousands of ducks are threatened with starvation near Sayville, having been compelled to abandon their feeding ground owing to the freezing of Great South Bay. They have flown out over the ocean.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—A new effort to save the life of Leo M. Frank, sentenced to be hanged January 22 for the murder of Mary Phagan, was begun in Federal District Court here to-day.

Attorneys for Frank filed a petition for his release on a habeas corpus writ, on the ground that he was convicted without due process of law and is being detained illegally. If the petition is denied, the attorneys said, appeal will be taken direct to the United States Supreme Court.

The petition alleges that the prisoner's constitutional rights were violated by return of a verdict during his absence from the court room, that the jury was influenced by popular demonstrations, and that the trial court, therefore, lost jurisdiction in the case before a conviction was reached.

Federal Judge Newman granted the writ of error for a review. That action also was based on allegations that Frank's constitutional rights had been violated, but it did not involve a habeas corpus proceeding.

To-day's petition sets forth that Frank knew nothing of the agreement of his attorneys to waive his presence when a verdict was returned, and that his attorneys could not legally act for him where such a right was involved.

WOULD GIVE LAST SON  
Woman Has Lost Two in War—Wants Third to Go.

[By The Tribune Bureau.]  
South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 17.—With two sons already slain in the European war, Mrs. Gustave Hoppner, of Berlin, has written to her youngest and only surviving son, Rudolph Hoppner, of this place, imploring him to go home and fight for his fatherland.

## SAYS FLEET NEEDS 5 YEARS TO FIT FOR WAR

### Personnel, Too, Back- ward, Rear Admiral Fiske Tells Committee.

## AEROPLANES NEEDED FOR COAST DEFENCE

### Expert's Testimony Cor- roborative of Statements in Tribune's Exposure.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]  
Washington, Dec. 17.—Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, aid for operations, U. S. N., member of the General Board, recognized expert in strategy, maneuvers and general naval discipline, made the following statements to the House Committee on Naval Affairs to-day:

1. It would take five years to get the fleet in condition successfully and effectively to meet an effective enemy.

2. It would take three years to get the personnel up to a standard of efficiency to make it able successfully and effectively to meet an effective enemy.

3. The United States has no general plan of naval development independent of those framed to meet economical exigencies.

4. The United States is deficient in scout cruisers, battle cruisers, destroyers and all other auxiliaries.

5. An immediate necessity, if a coherent plan of naval development is to be followed out, is the creation of a naval general staff.

6. The navy needs more target practice and greater efficiency in all branches of the science of gunnery.

7. Germany to-day is probably the superior of both Great Britain and the United States in gunnery.

Admiral Fiske, whose views thus, in large measure, coincided with statements in The Tribune's recent series of articles on the navy, further informed the committee that in his opinion an attack by aeroplanes from a floating base five hundred miles at sea upon New York City was entirely feasible. This was brought out by a question propounded by Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, as follows:

# 3 British Ships Sunk By Mines of Raiders; Shells Hit 2 Others

## GREAT BRITAIN ENDS TURKEY'S SUZERAINTY OVER EGYPT

London, Dec. 17.—The official press bureau issued the following statement to-night:

"His Britannic majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs gives notice that, in view of a state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of his majesty and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate.

"The suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and his majesty's government will adopt all measures necessary for the defence of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests.

"The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur Henry MacMahon to be his majesty's High Commissioner for Egypt."

## RUSSIANS BEATEN BACK IN POLAND AND GALICIA

### Berlin A-Flutter with Flags at News of Victory— Czar's Troops Defeated Thirty Miles West of Warsaw.

London, Dec. 17.—"The Russians are retiring along the entire front in Galicia and Poland." This statement, officially issued at Vienna, is the outstanding feature of to-night's news from the battle fronts.

While there is no confirmation of this from other sources, such a move on the part of the Russians would be quite in line with the announcements in dispatches from Petrograd that the Russians, threatened on both flanks, had decided to take up new positions, where they would be more able to meet the onslaughts which are being launched against them by the Austro-Germans from the Carpathians to the East Prussian frontier.

The following statement from the General Staff of the Russian commander in chief was received to-night from Petrograd:

"In the direction of Mlawa our cavalry and vanguard troops are chasing energetically the beaten Germans. Several of their corps already have crossed the frontier. During the chase we have captured prisoners, guns and war material.

"On the left bank of the Vistula and in Eastern Galicia on December 16 no important fighting took place.

"During the last week the garrison at Przemyśl has attempted several sorties, all of which we repulsed, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

During one of these sorties we captured several hundred prisoners and machine guns."

Should the Austro-German armies, as on previous occasions, follow the Russians in Poland, another big battle will soon be in progress, which may decide whether the Germans are to get Warsaw or whether the Russians are again to threaten an invasion of Germany.

Austrians Badly Defeated in Galicia, Petrograd Says

[By Wireless via Lonsburg, N. S.]  
Petrograd, Dec. 17.—Austria has fallen heavily between two stools. The substantial army whose withdrawal from Serbia enabled the Serbians to re-enter their capital has been halted and thrown back while still four days' march from the eastern end of the Galician battle.

This Austrian army, which mounted the Carpathians from Hungary, found each of the two passes east and west of the great Dukla Pass completely blocked by the Russians and the entire force had to present itself on the exposed snow-covered slopes. There they encountered the Russian army, which closed in crescent formation.

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## WOUNDED POUR IN FROM FLANDERS

### Allies, on Offensive from Coast to La Basse, See Organize Ground.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Allies are still on the offensive from the coast to La Basse and at various other points along the front. While not very marked advances are reported, the French claim to have made some progress and to have organized the ground which they gained during the preceding days.

The German official report received here, on the other hand, asserts that the attacks by the Allies have been repulsed. From the number of wounded reaching the hospitals of both the Germans and the Allies it is evident that the fighting in Flanders to-day was of a more severe character than shown in the official statements. The correspondents report that the hospitals are again filling up, while along the Dutch border continuous firing can be heard.

The official communication issued by the War Office to-night follows:

"In Belgium our troops have gained ground to the north of the road from Ypres to Menin, and also on that to the south and southeast of Bixschote. We have taken the village of the north-east of Arras, and have reached the first houses of St. Laurent Blangy.

"Appreciable progress has been made at Ouveillers-la-Belouette, Mametz and St. George, in the region of Bapaume and Peronne.

"From the Somme to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

The War Office states in the day that the following statement:

"Between the sea and the Lys we have occupied several German trenches at the point of the bayonet; consolidated our positions at Lombartryde and St. George, and organized the territory taken from the enemy to the west of Gheluvelt.

## Bombardment of English Towns May Be Prelude to Big Sea Battle.

### 83 KILLED AND 300 WOUNDED IN ATTACK

### Pursuing Vessels Driven Back Damaged and with Loss of 20 Men.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
Berlin (via Amsterdam to London), Dec. 18.—The following official details concerning the German squadron's attack on the east coast of England are published:

"When approaching the English coast our cruisers were unsuccessfully attacked by four British torpedo boat destroyers in misty weather. There were several detonations, and three big fires in the town could be observed from our ships.

"The coast guard station and waterworks at Scarborough and the coast guard station and signal station at Whitby were destroyed.

"Our ships received some shots from the coast batteries, but suffered only slight damage.

VON BEHNEKE

## Nearly 400 Casualties Result of Bombardment

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
London, Dec. 17.—Nearly four hundred casualties, eighty-three killed and approximately three hundred wounded, are the last figures of the results of the German raid on the east coast yesterday. Only seven killed and fourteen wounded were soldiers, while of the civilians a large proportion was women and children.

The scout ship Patrol and the torpedo boat destroyer Doon were among the British ships which attacked the German cruisers, and both were struck by shells. They lost five men killed and fifteen wounded.

No details are given by the Admiralty, which simply issues a list of the casualties. The two vessels mentioned could have only a small chance of doing any serious damage to the larger German ships engaged.

Three British steamers were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night. One of these was the steamer Elterwater, a small coaster. Twelve of her crew were saved, seven lost their lives.

Another was the Princess Olga, also a coaster bound for Aberdeen, Scotland, which struck a mine off Scarborough last night and went down. The crew of eighteen men landed in their own boats.

Mines Left by Germans.

The third ship was a passenger vessel, and it is reported that the crew and passengers were seen taking to their boats.

The Admiralty has announced that all maritime traffic between Flamborough Head and Newcastle has been stopped indefinitely. Flamborough Head is about twenty miles down the coast from Scarborough, one of the points bombarded yesterday by the German cruisers. These hostile ships were reported to have left the mines in their wake as they steamed away from the British coast.

Hartlepool had seven soldiers and fifty-five civilians killed in yesterday's bombardment, and fourteen soldiers and 129 civilians wounded; Scarborough lost nineteen civilians killed and between 150 and 200 wounded, while Whitby lost two civilians killed and a like number wounded. Many of the wounded were seriously injured and may not live. Two of the dead in Scarborough have been added to the list since last night.

This is Germany's warfare on women and children. The German official declaration that "our high sea forces approached the English east coast and bombarded the fortified towns of Scarborough and Hartlepool on Wednesday morning," neither Scarborough nor Whitby can be called fortified by the utmost stretch of the imagination. There is no vestige of fortification at either place and no gun that can command the shore or waters off either place. Only 1,500 territorials, with no artillery, are at Scarborough, and still fewer are at Whitby. Not a shot was fired in defence from either place.

Means Activity in North Sea. It is useless for the Germans to say they were unaware that Scarborough was unfortified, for that would be to insult their intelligence department and, moreover, their ships came looting out of the fog with officers on the bridge and sailors on deck.

"Time Curtain Rises To-day"  
Daily Feature of The Tribune  
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